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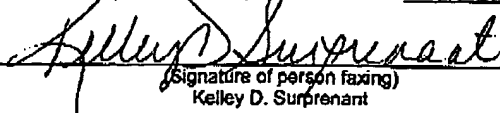
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TITLE: Beta-Lactamase Inhibitor Prodrug

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Group Art Unit: 1614

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed 22 July 2005, entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested. Inasmuch as this Amendment is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that no extension of time is necessary. If the Commissioner determines that an extension of time and/or other fee is necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 16-1445.

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